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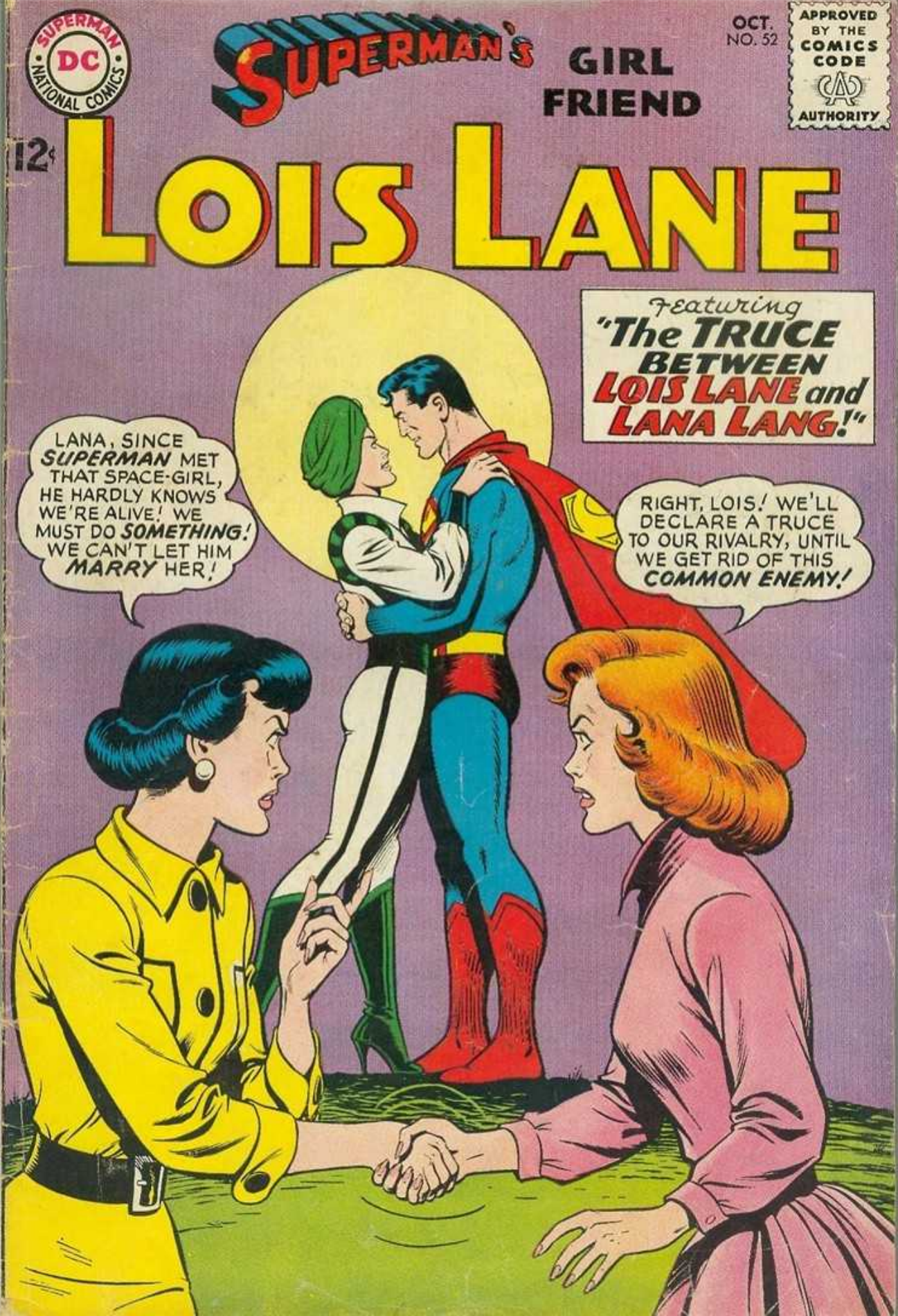
LANA, SINCE SUPERMAN MET THAT SPACE-GIRL, HE HARDLY KNOWS WE'RE ALIVE! WE MUST DO SOMETHING! WE CAN'T LET HIM MARRY HER!
RIGHT, LOIS! WE'LL DECLARE A TRUCE TO OUR RIVALRY, UNTIL WE GET RID OF THIS COMMON ENEMY!

SMOKING *is for* SQUARES!

C'MON, BOB--DON'T BE CHICKEN... TAKE A BUTT... YOU'LL FEEL COOL.'
SURE--IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL TEN FEET TALL... AND THEN YOU'LL SEE HOW THE GIRLS FLIP FOR YOU.'

PAULETTE BREEN in Person!
MISS AMERICAN TEENAGER
WINNER OF THE PALISADES AMUSEMENT PARK N.J. NATIONAL CONTEST
NO, THANKS! AFTER WHAT I JUST HEARD IN THERE, I'M NOT GOING TO RUIN MY HEALTH.'
THAT'S TELLING THEM, BOB...

IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT ADULTS SMOKE--THEY, AT LEAST, MIGHT HAVE HAD THE EXCUSE OF NOT KNOWING ANY BETTER. BUT NOW THAT DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS HAVE DEFINITELY PROVED THE HEALTH HAZARDS IN SMOKING, IT'S JUST PLAIN SILLY!

AW, I GOT TIME TO WORRY ABOUT MY HEALTH WHEN I GET OLD. IT AIN'T HURTING ME NOW...
PERHAPS... BUT IT'S A TOUGH HABIT TO BREAK WHEN YOU WANT TO, SO IT'S BETTER NOT TO GET STARTED! DON'T BE A SQUARE! STOP SMOKING--AND PROLONG YOUR LIFE AND HEALTH.'

AND IF YOU WANT TO FEEL "TEN FEET TALL," TRY GETTING THERE THROUGH YOUR OWN GENUINE EFFORTS INSTEAD OF SUCH ARTIFICIAL WAYS AS SMOKING!

TAKE IT FROM ME--GIRLS WHO ARE HIP DON'T FLIP FOR FELLOWS WHO SMOKE.'
SAAAY!... IF A KITTEN LIKE MISS AMERICAN TEENAGER FEELS THAT WAY, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.'

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

AS A SCOOP-HUNTING REPORTER, LOIS LANE HAS USED MANY IMPERSONATIONS. BUT ONE DAY, WHILE INVESTIGATING A HEARTLESS RACKET, SHE ADOPTS A NEW ROLE IN ORDER TO EXPOSE IT. LITTLE DOES SHE REALIZE THE TANGLE OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE THAT WILL RESULT FROM...

LOIS LANE'S PEN-PAL Romance!

LOOK! SUPERMAN IS ACTING AS THE MASKED BANDIT IN OUR TRAIN ROBBERY PAGEANT!... HA, HA! HE'S INVULNERABLE TO OUR BULLETS!
CARL, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? COME BACK!
STRANGE... CARL SAYS HE'S A RICH RANCHER AND WANTS TO MARRY ME... BUT WHY IS HE SNEAKING AWAY JUST WHEN SUPERMAN ARRIVES? WHAT'S HE GOT TO HIDE?
T WESTERN

AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, A READER TELLS A HEART-BREAKING STORY...
...AND AFTER COURTING ME FOR MONTHS, MY BOY FRIEND VANISHED WITH MY LIFE'S SAVINGS--AND ON OUR WEDDING DAY, TOO... SOB!... CAN'T YOU HELP ME, MR. WHITE?
YOU SAY YOU MET HIM THROUGH THIS PEN-PAL MAGAZINE, EH?
PEN-PAL MAGAZINE

I'M SORRY, MISS FROBISH, BUT YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED BY SOME SWINDLER! HE'S PROBABLY SETTING UP A NEW VICTIM RIGHT NOW! BUT WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN!
OH, IF I COULD ONLY LAY HANDS ON THE HEEL WHO DUPED THAT POOR GIRL...

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SWINDLERS HAVE FLEECED HUNDREDS OF SPINSTERS AND WIDOWS THROUGH THESE PEN-PAL ADS! THEY PRETEND TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THEIR VICTIMS, ASK THEM FOR A LOAN OF MONEY, THEN DISAPPEAR! LOIS, I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE WHOLE VICIOUS RACKET FOR THE PLANET!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, PERRY! I'VE GOT A PLAN. I'LL TYPE OUT A LONELY HEART AD AND PLACE IT IN PEN-PAL MAGAZINE!

A WEEK LATER, AS LOIS' AD IS PRINTED...

YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE WIDOW, INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY... BUT LONELY, WISHES TO CORRESPOND WITH MAN OF MEANS, OBJECT FRIENDSHIP (AND ROMANCE?) WRITE TO EVE SLOAN BOX 54 METROPOLIS

A PRETTY, YOUNG WIDOW, LOADED WITH DOUGH! WITH BAIT LIKE THAT, I SHOULD GET ANSWERS GALORE... AND MAYBE SOME NIBBLES FROM A FEW SWINDLERS!

LOIS' AD BRINGS A FLOOD OF MAIL...

Dear Eve:

I am a rich widower, but the wealth of my huge ranch is meaningless without love. When I saw your photo, the look in your eyes was like a pool of water in a parched desert, your lips like a prairie rose. Everything I have will be yours to command if only you will write to —

Carl Curtin, Longhorn, Texas

WOW!! HERE'S ONE THAT OFFERS ME THE MOON! ONLY A SLICK CONFIDENCE-MAN COULD WRITE SUCH A FLOWERY LETTER. I'LL INVITE HIM TO VISIT ME!

DAYS LATER, "EVE SLOAN'S" SUITOR APPEARS AT A MANSION OUTSIDE METROPOLIS...

EVE! I HURRIED HERE BY PRIVATE JET AS SOON AS I GOT YOUR LETTER! YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN YOUR PHOTOGRAPH!

CARL, YOU'RE SWEET TO SAY THAT.

THOSE FLASHY CLOTHES ARE MEANT TO IMPRESS ME AND TO MAKE ME THINK HE'S A MILLIONAIRE! BUT HE'S A PHONEY IF I EVER SAW ONE!

AS "EVE" ENTERTAINS HER VISITOR...

MY HUSBAND DIED A WAR HERO. HE LEFT ME THIS RICH ESTATE, BUT FRANKLY, MANAGING ALL THIS WEALTH IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!

I UNDERSTAND, DEAR. A GIRL AS PRETTY AS YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ALL THESE WORRIES!

ACTUALLY, THIS ESTATE BELONGS TO BEN HARPER, PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY PLANET!

LATER, ABOARD THE PLANET PUBLISHER'S YACHT...

EVE, DEAR, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING A WOMAN COULD POSSIBLY DESIRE, YET YOUR LIFE LACKS ONE IMPORTANT THING TO MAKE IT HAPPY... LOVE!

CARL, YOU'RE SO... UNDERSTANDING!

I WONDER HOW MANY OTHER GIRLS HE'S HANDED THIS LINE? I'LL PRETEND I'VE FALLEN FOR HIM!

IT'S MORE THAN UNDERSTANDING, EVE, DARLING! I LOVE YOU!
OH, CARL! HE'S SO HANDSOME! I COULD BE ATTRACTED TO HIM IF I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS A SCOUNDREL. I WONDER WHEN HE'S GOING TO MAKE HIS PITCH AND ASK ME FOR A LOAN.
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...
EVE, MARRY ME! WE COULD LIVE ON MY RANCH! YOU'D LOVE IT THERE! WHY NOT FLY OUT THERE ON MY PRIVATE JET FOR A VISIT?
THAT SOUNDS GREAT! I COULD BE READY BY TOMORROW MORNING!
THE PHONEY! I WONDER WHAT EXCUSE HE'LL DREAM UP TO EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT HE HASN'T GOT A JET PLANE!

BUT THE NEXT MORNING, AT METROPOLIS AIRPORT...
ULP!! A JET PLANE WITH CARL'S INITIALS ON IT! THEN HE WASN'T LYING TO ME! I WONDER IF I MISJUDGED HIM?
THIS WAY, EVE! MY PILOT'S READY TO TAKE OFF!
C-C

THEN, AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT...
MY RANCH, THE C-BAR-C, RUNS RIGHT OUT TO THAT DISTANT MOUNTAIN RANGE! I RAISE PRIZE CATTLE AND THOROUGHBRED RACE-HORSES. YOU CAN SEE THEM BELOW!
YE GODS! HE WASN'T LYING ABOUT THE RANCH, EITHER!

AFTER LANDING, "EVE" IS INVITED FOR A SWIM...

I HAD THIS SWIMMING POOL CUT OUT OF SOLID ROCK. IT'S FED BY A NATURAL WATERFALL!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, CARL!
THIS POOL MUST HAVE COST A FORTUNE. MONEY MUST MEAN NOTHING TO HIM! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS A FRAUD!

AND LATER...
YOU CAN USE ANY CAR YOU LIKE WHILE YOU'RE HERE, EVE. WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, THEY'LL ALL BE YOURS!
CARL, YOU'RE SO GENEROUS!
I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE. HE'S REALLY WEALTHY, AND HE TRULY LOVES ME! I COULD GO FOR HIM, TOO, BUT HOW CAN I TELL HIM THE TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF... THAT I'M NOT A RICH WIDOW?

THE NEXT MORNING...
CARL, I FOUND THIS BUCKSKIN SUIT OUTSIDE THE GUEST ROOM. WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
IT'S FOR YOU, EVE. WE'RE GOING TO THE ANNUAL PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION IN TOWN. EVERYONE MUST WEAR AN EARLY WESTERN COSTUME!
SOON, IN THE BUSTLING TOWN OF LONGHORN...
HURRY, FOLKS! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY! EVERYONE GET ABOARD!
YOU'LL LOVE THIS, EVE! EACH YEAR THEY RE-ENACT A FAMOUS TRAIN HOLD-UP WHICH TOOK PLACE A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
AS CROWDS BOARD THE TRAIN...
ATTENTION! BECAUSE OF CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOCAL RANCHERS, SUPERMAN HAS PROMISED TO ACT AS THE MASKED BANDIT IN OUR TRAIN ROBBERY PAGEANT. YOU CAN ALL SHOOT AT HIM WITH LIVE AMMUNITION!
A SENSATIONAL IDEA! THE BULLETS CAN'T HARM HIM! HE'S INVULNERABLE!
ULP! SUPERMAN?
SUDDENLY...
CARL! WHERE ARE YOU?
HE'S GONE! STRANGE...HE VANISHED JUST AS THEY ANNOUNCED THAT SUPERMAN WOULD BE HERE, BUT WHY SHOULD HE BE AFRAID?... UNLESS...
JUST THEN SUPERMAN ARRIVES...
IT'S THE MASKED BANDIT! GET HIM!
WHAT A RIOT! THAT BANDIT IS REALLY SUPERMAN, AND OUR BULLETS ARE BOUNCING OFF HIM LIKE JELLY-BEANS!
WESTERN
I MUST CHECK MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT CARL. I'LL SLIP AWAY WHILE EVERYONE IS WATCHING SUPERMAN!
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THEN, IN THE LONGHORN NEWSPAPER OFFICE...
EXCUSE ME... I UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL RANCHERS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY IN HONOR OF PIONEER DAY. DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF THE CONTRIBUTORS?
IF CARL IS REALLY A RICH RANCHER, HIS NAME SHOULD BE ON THAT LIST!
YOU'LL FIND ALL THE NEWS ABOUT THE PAGEANT CHARITY FUND IN THAT NEWS FILE OVER THERE!
A QUICK SEARCH REVEALS...
GULP! THE C-BAR-C MADE A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE NAME OF THE OWNER IS LISTED AS CYRUS CORBETT! ACCORDING TO THIS ITEM, HE MADE THE DONATION JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR EUROPE LAST MONTH!
SOON, BACK AT THE RAILROAD STATION...
EVE, WE MUST HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY THE CROWD!
AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
HE MUST HAVE RENTED THE RANCH FROM CYRUS CORBETT AS A BLIND... AND ADOPTED THE NAME OF CARL CURTIN TO FIT THE C-BAR-C BRAND. THE COWBOYS AT THE RANCH MUST BE PART OF HIS GANG!
UNAWARE OF LOIS' SUSPICION, CARL CONTINUES HIS CAMPAIGN...
THIS CHEST OF JEWELS BELONGED TO MY WIFE... BEFORE SHE DIED! NATURALLY, THEY'LL ALL BE YOURS AFTER WE'RE MARRIED!
IT'S STUNNING!
WHOM DOES HE THINK HE'S KIDDING? IMAGINE THAT HEEL TRYING TO FOOL ME WITH THIS PILE OF COLORED GLASS!
THIS DIAMOND NECKLACE IS GORGEOUS! MAY I BORROW IT FOR THE EVENING?
CERTAINLY, MY DEAR! EXCUSE ME, MY PHONE IS RINGING.
I SAW A JEWELER IN TOWN. I'LL HAVE HIM EXAMINE IT TO SEE IF IT'S GENUINE! THEN I'LL USE THE PHONEY DIAMONDS AS EVIDENCE AGAINST THIS SHARPIE!
RRING!
THEN, AS "EVE" LISTENS IN...
RELAX, CORA, HONEY. I'LL HAVE THAT DAME HOOKED SOON. JUST WATCH THE HEADLINES! THEN WE'LL MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!
IT'S HIS GANGLAND SWEETHEART! AND I NEARLY FELL FOR THAT TWO-TIMING RAT. HMM... WONDER HOW HE'LL TRY TO SWINDLE ME?
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THAT CALL CONCERNED A BIG OIL DEAL THAT COULD DOUBLE MY MONEY. WISH I HAD MORE TO INVEST.
AHA! A CROOKED OIL SWINDLE! I'LL PRETEND I'M INTERESTED.
CARL, YOU'RE SO CLEVER WITH MONEY. MY LATE HUSBAND LEFT ME $100,000 IN INSURANCE. COULD YOU INVEST IT IN THAT OIL DEAL?

I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU, EVE...IF YOU CAN GET THE CASH!
I'LL DRIVE INTO TOWN TOMORROW AND ARRANGE TO HAVE THE MONEY SENT TO THE BANK IN LONGHORN.

THE NEXT MORNING...
EVE, I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO HERE ON THE RANCH. WHY NOT DRIVE INTO TOWN ALONE? I'LL FOLLOW YOU LATER.
ALL RIGHT, DEAR!
CLEVER-R-R! HE'S PRETENDING TO BE NONCHALANT. I'LL BET HE'S ITCHING TO LAY HIS HANDS ON THAT HUNDRED GRAND. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING HE DOESN'T KNOW. HA, HA!

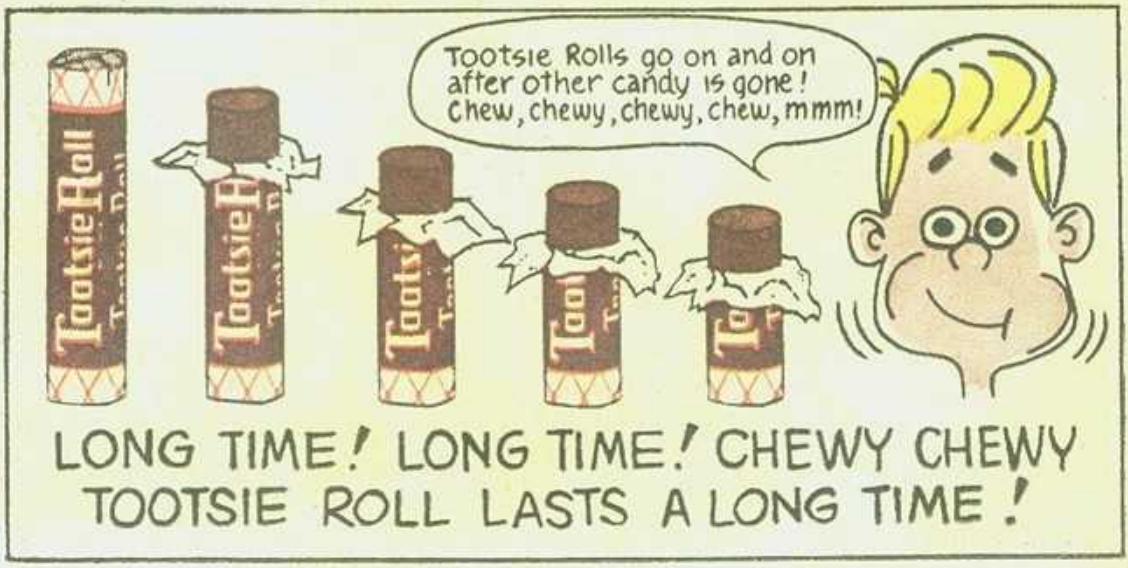
BEFORE I CAME WEST, I HAD THE PLANET PUBLISHER SEND $100,000 IN MARKED CURRENCY TO THE LONGHORN BANK, IN MY NAME. I'LL USE THE MONEY TO TRAP THAT PHONEY LOVER-BOY...AND WHILE I'M IN TOWN, I'LL HAVE THIS FAKE DIAMOND NECKLACE EXAMINED FOR MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM!

BUT IN THE JEWELRY SHOP...
THEY ARE?
ULP! THEN THE NECKLACE IS PROBABLY STOLEN GOODS! CARL MUST BE A FRONT FOR A BIG-TIME GANG THAT ALSO DEALS IN "HOT" JEWELS! HE'S USING THIS NECKLACE AS BAIT!
PHONEY DIAMONDS? WHY, THESE GEMS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE!

SOON, IN THE LONGHORN BANK...
THANKS! THE MARKED MONEY IS ALL THERE...NOW, WHERE CAN I LOCATE THE SHERIFF?
YOU'LL FIND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION, MISS.
I'LL WANT HIM AS A WITNESS WHEN CARL TAKES THIS MONEY FROM ME UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

BUT MOMENTS AFTER, NEAR THE RAILROAD...
IT'S CARL! MONEY DRAWS HIM LIKE A MAGNET!... AND HERE'S THE SHERIFF, TOO. NOW'S THE TIME TO GO INTO MY ACT.
AH, YES, THE MONEY! I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF IT.
CARL, THE BANK GAVE ME THE MONEY FOR THE OIL INVESTMENT. IT'S IN THIS BAG.
AN INSTANT LATER...
SHERIFF, ARREST THIS SWINDLER! HE TRIED TO DEFRAUD ME IN A FAKE OIL DEAL. YOU'LL FIND MY MARKED MONEY IN THAT BAG!
WHY, THAT GOLD-DIGGER STOLE A DIAMOND NECKLACE FROM ME! SEARCH HER, AND YOU'LL FIND THE JEWELS!
PRESENTLY, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...
HE HAD YOUR MONEY, MISS! BUT YOU HAD HIS DIAMONDS. WHAT GOES ON HERE?
THAT CROOK PLANNED TO CHEAT ME WHILE POSING AS THE OWNER OF THE C-BAR-C... A RANCH WHICH BELONGS TO CYRUS CORBETT! LET HIM DENY IT!
I'LL EXPLAIN... YOU LITTLE FRAUD!
"I'M RAY STARR, A NEWSPAPER REPORTER FOR THE LARAMIE TIMES. A MONTH AGO..."
RAY, THIS SLOAN WIDOW LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER LONELY HEARTS SWINDLER. I WANT YOU TO TRAP HER AND EXPOSE THIS RUTHLESS RACKET IN OUR PAPER.
I'LL WRITE HER, PRETENDING TO BE A WEALTHY CATTLEMAN. I KNOW A FRIEND WHO WILL LEND ME HIS RANCH AS A COVER-UP!
PEN-PAL
EDITOR
"COMING EAST, I FOUND THAT NO METROPOLIS BANK HAD AN ACCOUNT FOR EVE SLOAN. THE "SLOAN ESTATE" BELONGED TO BEN HARPER. I CONFIRMED THIS WHEN I DINED THERE..."
HER NAME IS SLOAN, YET THE INITIAL ON THIS SILVER IS AN H--FOR HARPER! SHE'S A FRAUD!
"I KNEW SHE WAS OUT FOR ALL SHE COULD GET. AT THE C-BAR-C, I TEMPTED HER WITH EXPENSIVE JEWELRY. WHEN SHE "BORROWED" THE NECKLACE, I DELIBERATELY ALLOWED HER TO MAKE A GET-AWAY. I FOLLOWED HER, AND..."
SHE MUST BE PLANNING TO LEAVE TOWN ON THE NEXT TRAIN. I'LL GET THE SHERIFF AND CATCH HER WITH THE GOODS!

YOU'RE A REPORTER? SO AM I! I'M LOIS LANE OF THE METROPOLIS DAILY PLANET... ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE PEN-PAL RACKET. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A CROOK AND THE NECKLACE WAS A FAKE.
AND I WAS SURE YOUR MONEY WAS COUNTERFEIT! I WAS PLANNING TO USE IT AGAINST YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SWINDLER OUT TO PLUCK ME, BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT I WAS WEALTHY!
AS MORE EXPLANATIONS FOLLOW...
I RAN AWAY FROM THE PAGEANT WHEN SUPERMAN ARRIVED BECAUSE WE HAD ONCE WORKED ON A CASE TOGETHER AND I THOUGHT HE MIGHT REVEAL MY IDENTITY!
RAY, WE BOTH GOOFED!... HOW ABOUT A LUNCH DATE?... WE CAN LAUGH OVER OUR FUMBLES!
SORRY, LOIS... I'VE GOT TO LEAVE TOWN! I PROMISED MY WIFE, CORA, I'D BE HOME AS SOON AS I FINISHED THIS JOB! THAT'S HER PICTURE... WITH MY KIDS!
CORA... I THOUGHT SHE WAS HIS GANGLAND GIRL... AND SHE TURNS OUT TO BE HIS WIFE... WITH FIVE KIDS YET!
BUT WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS, LOIS. I'LL WRITE TO YOU IN METROPOLIS!
YOU'RE SWEET, RAY... BUT NO, THANKS! HA, HA! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT PEN-PAL BIT TO LAST A LIFE—TIME!
THE END


Tootsie Rolls go on and on after other candy is gone! Chew, chewy, chewy, chew, mmm!
LONG TIME! LONG TIME! CHEWY CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLL LASTS A LONG TIME!

L.C. LEPRECHAUN
'TIS LUCK TO CATCH A LEPRECHAUN!
LEPRECHAUN TRAP
HEH! HEH!
SLAM!
BUT NOBODY CAN!
'COURSE IF THEY DID— THEY'D CATCH MY LUCKY CHARMS!
'TIS A CHARMIN' CEREAL...
SIMPLY—
WHOOSH!
CHARMIN!
LUCKY CHARMS
NEW TOASTED OAT CEREAL WITH
MARSHMALLOW BITS IN LUCKY SHAPES!
'TIS A CHARMIN' CEREAL... SIMPLY CHARMIN'
NEW!
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Honey
IN HOLLYWOOD
READY FOR YOUR SCREEN-TEST, MISS?
NOW IN THIS SCENE, YOU TAKE HIM IN YOUR ARMS LOVINGLY, AND KISS HIM!
GOLLY-IMAGINE KISSING A REAL STAR! I WONDER WHO IT WILL BE? ROCK HUDSON, MAYBE?
OKAY-WE START SHOOTING!
BE CAREFUL HOW YOU HANDLE 'LADDIE'- HE'S OUR MOST VALUABLE STAR!
END

nothing else is

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I take up comics-*in full color!*

I Bounce

I stretch!

I make things!

BUY ME WHEREVER TOYS ARE SOLD-

BUY ME WHERE YOU BOUGHT THIS COMIC!

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

THERE HE IS, MISS LANE... RAFE NELSON, THE STRONGEST, HANDSOMEST LUMBERJACK IN THE TIMBER COUNTRY! DO YOU REALLY THINK HE CAN BE ATTRACTED BY YOUR ROMANTIC TACTICS?

IT'LL BE LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!

MAYBE I CAN'T WIN SUPERMAN- BUT IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO WIN THAT HANDSOME SPECIMEN WITH MY LITTLE BAG OF TRICKS!

WHAT GOES HERE? FOR YEARS REPORTER LOIS LANE HAS WORSHIPPED THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN AND USED HER CLEVER SCHEMES TO WIN HIS LOVE. SO WHY SHOULD SHE SUDDENLY BE INTERESTED IN A HANDSOME LUMBERJACK? SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS THE MOTIVE BEHIND...

LOIS LANE'S LOVE TRAP!

ONE DAY, AS LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT ARRIVE IN THE LUMBER TOWN OF PATCHOGUE...

LOOK AT THAT CROWD! EVERY-ONE'S HERE FOR THE BIG TRIAL! PERRY WANTS ME TO COVER THE WOMAN'S ANGLE.

AND I'M ASSIGNED TO WRITE THE STORY FROM THE MAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

AT THE TOWN COURTHOUSE...

THAT'S THE DEFENDANT, STEVE GARFF, THE NOTORIOUS PUBLIC ENEMY WANTED BY THE F.B.I.! HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO HOLD UP A SMALL TOWN BANK, BUT THE LOCAL POLICE HERE NABBED HIM!

HURRY, LOIS! THEY'LL BE STARTING THE TRIAL SOON!

BUT IN THE COURTROOM...
AS MY FIRST WITNESS, I CALL ON MISS LOIS LANE!
WHO, ME? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS CASE!
RELAX, LOIS. THERE SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER LOIS LANE IN THE COURTROOM!
AS THE WITNESS TESTIFIES...
I'M LOIS LANE, A NURSE AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL. I WAS IN THE BANK WHEN THE HOLD-UP HAPPENED...
ANOTHER GIRL WITH MY NAME! HOW WEIRD... BUT ACTUALLY IT ISN'T TOO STRANGE. THERE ARE PROBABLY DOZENS OF OTHER "LOIS LANES" THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.
AT THE NOON RECESS, LOIS INTERVIEWS HER NAMESAKE...
SO YOU'RE THE FAMOUS REPORTER FROM METROPOLIS! I'VE ALWAYS ENVIED YOUR GLAMOROUS CAREER. BUT I GUESS I WAS MEANT TO BE JUST A SMALL-TOWN NURSE.
COME NOW, MISS LANE. I'M SURE THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING DETAILS ABOUT YOUR LIFE MY READERS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. A ROMANCE, PERHAPS?
SIGH!; I'M IN THE SAME SPOT AS YOU ARE WITH SUPERMAN. I CAN'T WIN THE MAN I LOVE, RAFE NELSON. HE'S A WITNESS, TOO... MISS LANE, CAN YOU HELP ME?
MY TRICKS HAVEN'T WON SUPERMAN, BUT IT SHOULD BE EASY TO HELP THIS TIMID MOUSE TO GET HER MAN!
WAIT HERE, LOIS!
CLARK WAS INTERVIEWING RAFE NELSON. LET'S GET THE DETAILS ON THAT BACKWOODS ROMEO... HMM! KOREAN VETERAN... MEDICAL DISCHARGE BECAUSE OF ALLERGY... LUMBERJACK BY PROFESSION...
LOIS! DID YOU READ ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP ME ATTRACT RAFE?
I'VE JUST HAD A BRAIN-STORM! MEN LIKE TO BE HEROES. WHENEVER I'M IN DANGER, SUPERMAN RESCUES ME. SO, HERE'S MY PLAN... SINCE IT'S FRIDAY, COURT WILL ADJOURN EARLY. SO, THIS AFTERNOON...

LATER, IN THE NEARBY FOREST...
THERE'S RAFE NOW! ;SIGH:; ISN'T HE MAGNIFICENT?
STOP MOONING! LET'S GO TO THAT PATCH OF QUICKSAND YOU TOLD ME ABOUT. I WANT TO PUT OUR PLANS INTO OPERATION!
MOMENTS AFTER...
HELP! HELP! SAVE ME, SOMEONE!
GOOD GRIEF! IT'S LOIS LANE! SHE'S CAUGHT IN THE QUICKSAND! IF I TRY TO SAVE HER, I MAY BE SUCKED DOWN, TOO! I'LL HAVE TO THINK FAST!
THESE TWO SAPLINGS ARE BRACING THE PILE OF TIMBER I CUT THIS AFTERNOON. I'LL HAVE TO USE ONE OF THEM TO SAVE THAT POOR GIRL... EVEN THOUGH MY LOGS WILL TUMBLE INTO THE RIVER!
RRIPP!
HOLD ON! I'LL HAUL YOU OUT!
I BROUGHT THIS ROPE TO SAVE HER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY! BUT HE'S SAVING HER BY USING THAT SAPLING LIKE A GIANT FISHING ROD! WHAT AMAZING STRENGTH!
BUT AS THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED...
MR. NELSON... RAFE... YOU SAVED MY LIFE... HOW CAN I THANK YOU?
BY STAYING OUT OF THESE WOODS! WHEN I UPROOTED THAT SAPLING, MY LOGS ROLLED INTO THE RIVER AND WERE SWEPT DOWNSTREAM! A DAY'S WORK LOST, THANKS TO YOU!
AS RAFE LEAVES ANGRILY...
YOU AND YOUR IDEAS! YOU SAID MEN LIKED TO BE HEROES! BUT YOUR SCHEME ONLY MADE RAFE ANGRY WITH ME! ;SOB!:
RELAX, LOIS. OUR CAMPAIGN IS JUST BEGINNING! I'LL HAVE RAFE EATING OUT OF YOUR HAND BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH!

THAT EVENING, THE GIRL REPORTER VISITS HER NAME-SAKE AT THE HOSPITAL...
LOIS, I'VE JUST HAD AN INSPIRATION! SUPERMAN IS ALWAYS MOST GRATEFUL TO ME WHENEVER I SAVE HIM FROM A GREAT DANGER LIKE KRYPTONITE!
BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ME AND RAFE?

FIRST, LET ME ASK... DID YOU EVER HEAR OF THE NEW MIRACLE DRUG, VITARIN? I USED IT AS A VOLUNTEER NURSE IN METROPOLIS.
YES. IT'S AN ORAL MEDICINE VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST HAY FEVER AND ALLERGIES. WE HAVE A SUPPLY HERE. WHY DO YOU ASK?

ACCORDING TO CLARK KENT'S INTERVIEW, RAFE GOT A MEDICAL DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY BECAUSE HE HAS A SEVERE ALLERGY TO FLOWER POLLEN... SUPPOSE WE GET A SUPPLY OF POLLEN, AND...
I'M WAY AHEAD OF YOU, MISS LANE! I KNOW A MEADOW FILLED WITH WILD FLOWERS! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE TOMORROW!

THE NEXT DAY, TWO FURTIVE FIGURES SLIP THROUGH THE FOREST...
THAT BIG X ON THIS TREE MEANS RAFE HAS IT MARKED FOR CUTTING. I'LL DUST THE FLOWER POLLEN FROM THIS BAG ONTO THE BARK...
QUICKLY! WE'VE GOT TO HIDE THE JEEP! RAFE WILL BE COMING THIS WAY SOON!

PRESENTLY, AS THE LUMBERJACK ARRIVES TO BEGIN FELLING THE TREE...
A MAGNIFICENT SPECIMEN OF MANHOOD!... BUT EVERY BLOW OF THE AXE IS LOOSENING A CLOUD OF POLLEN FROM THE BARK OF THAT TREE! IT'S BOUND TO AFFECT HIM AT ANY MOMENT!
CHOP!
WHACK

SUDDENLY...
;GUHHH!; I CAN'T BREATHE... FEEL CHOKED...
;HSST!; QUICKLY, LOIS! USE THAT CAPSULE OF VITARIN TO CURE HIS ALLERGIC ATTACK! RAFE WILL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!

ULP!! I CAN'T FIND THE VITARIN! THE CAPSULE MUST HAVE DROPPED THROUGH A HOLE IN MY POCKET! OH, LOIS, WHAT WILL WE DO NOW?
GROAN!! THAT POLLEN ACTS ON RAFE ALMOST THE SAME WAY KRYPTONITE WORKS ON SUPERMAN! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! WE MUST GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY!
LONG AFTERWARDS, AT THE HOSPITAL, RAFE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS AND HEARS...
SOB!! RAFE MIGHT HAVE DIED FROM THE POLLEN WE DUSTED ON THAT TREE!
BUT IF YOU HADN'T LOST THAT MIRACLE DRUG, YOU'D HAVE SAVED HIM FROM THAT ATTACK AND YOU'D HAVE BEEN A HEROINE TO HIM!
SO THAT'S IT!
I OVERHEARD YOUR SCHEME, LOIS! OF ALL THE LOW TRICKS, THAT WAS THE WORST! YOU RISKED MY LIFE JUST TO ATTRACT MY ATTENTION! GET OUT OF HERE!
SOB!! RAFE... IT WASN'T MY FAULT!! CHOKE!!
LATER, RAFE RECOUNTS THE STORY TO A VISITOR, CLARK KENT...
...THEN, AFTER I SAVED HER FROM THE QUICKSAND, SHE PLOTTED THAT ALLERGY ATTACK... JUST TO PLAY THE HEROINE! I CAN'T STAND A SCHEMING WOMAN!
I'LL BET I KNOW WHO PUT HER UP TO IT!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
HOLD ON! THESE OLD PICTURES OF NURSE LOIS LANE JUST SLIPPED OUT FROM UNDER YOUR PILLOW! I THOUGHT YOU DISLIKED HER.
ER... I TOOK THOSE SNAPSHOTS ON THE SLY, FRANKLY, I'VE BEEN SWEET ON HER SINCE I GOT OUT OF THE ARMY, BUT I NEVER HAD THE NERVE TO SPEAK UP... GROAN!... NOW MY SCOLDING HER PROBABLY RUINED EVERYTHING!
MEANWHILE, IN THE NURSE'S QUARTERS...
YES, RAFE HAS BEEN MY IDOL FOR YEARS! THAT SCRAPBOOK IS FILLED WITH CLIPPINGS ABOUT HIS HEROIC DEEDS IN KOREA. I TOOK THESE PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIM SECRETLY!
SHE COLLECTS MEMENTOS OF RAFE JUST THE WAY I COLLECT SOUVENIRS OF SUPERMAN!

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Cheerios.
ARE CHEERIOS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL, BULLWINKLE?
OF COURSE, ROCK.
CHEERIOS 'N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...
...AND LOTS OF GO...GO... GO!
HEY!
DO YOU MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?
YESSIREE!
ZOOMMMM!
BONG!
BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

AS LOIS LEAVES... LOIS, YOU NEED A LIFT! WHY DON'T WE GO TO THAT MASQUERADE? WHO KNOWS? PERHAPS YOU'LL MEET SOMEONE EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN RAFE!

TOMORROW NIGHT
CANDLELIGHT MASQUERADE BALL
DANCERS MUST WEAR COSTUMES OF COLONIAL DAYS

ALL RIGHT... CHOKE!

THE NEXT NIGHT, AT THE DANCE... LOIS, I'D BETTER EXPLAIN. SALLY DURAN AND MIKE VANCE! THOSE KEGS CONTAIN THE NAMES OF ALL LOCAL CITIZENS AT THE DANCE. ONE KEG IS FOR MEN AND ONE FOR GIRLS. THE M.C. PICKS TWO STUBS AT A TIME, AND THE GIRL AND FELLOW HE PICKS BECOME PARTNERS FOR THE EVENING!

SUDDENLY... THE NEXT COUPLE CHOSEN IS LOIS LANE AND RAFE NELSON! ULP! THEN RAFE IS HERE, TOO! GROAN! I DON'T DARE DANCE WITH HIM! AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, I'D DIE WITH EMBARRASSMENT!

LOIS LANE

RAFE NELSON

LOIS, DON'T LOSE THIS CHANCE! LOOK... OUR COSTUMES ARE SIMILAR. WITH MY HAIR TUCKED UNDER MY BONNET, RAFE WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. LET ME TAKE YOUR PLACE! I'LL WIN HIM FOR YOU!

OHHH! I'D BE GRATEFUL ALL MY LIFE!

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER CORNER... CLARK, I'M DYING TO DANCE WITH LOIS, BUT AFTER THE WAY I TREATED HER, I JUST DON'T HAVE THE NERVE!

RAFE, THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME! YOU TOLD ME THAT LOIS WAS THE GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS. WE CAN MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!

WE'RE BOTH DRESSED LIKE PROSPECTORS! WITHOUT MY GLASSES, AND IN THIS FALSE BEARD, I'M A DEAD RINGER FOR YOU. LET ME DANCE WITH LOIS! I'LL SHOW HER HOW CHARMING YOU CAN BE!

KENT, MAKE HER FALL FOR ME, AND I'M YOUR FRIEND FOR LIFE!

AND SO LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT BEGIN THEIR ROMANTIC MASQUERADE...
NOW TO BUTTER HIM UP!
YOU'RE SWEET TO SAY THAT, LOIS. FRANKLY, I'VE ADMIRED YOU FOR YEARS.
RAFE, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL MY PETTY SCHEMES. YOU SEE, I'M SO SHY, AND YOU'RE THE HANDSOMEST MAN IN TOWN...
AS THE DANCING CONTINUES...
HMM... SHE GOES FOR ME IN MY RAFE DISGUISE. I'LL TRY THE "RUSH ACT" AND START ROMANCING HER!
JUST WHAT I WANTED HIM TO SUGGEST! WITH MY CHARM AND POISE, HE'S LIKE PUTTY IN MY HANDS!
LOIS, WOULD YOU STEP OUT ON THIS BALCONY FOR A MOMENT?
AND AS THE SUBSTITUTE SWEETHEARTS EMBRACE...
MMMM! FOR A TIMID GIRL, SHE CERTAINLY CAN KISS!... STRANGE... THERE'S SOMETHING VAGUELY FAMILIAR ABOUT ALL THIS! BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S NONSENSE!
HMM... NOT BAD FOR A BOY WHO'S SO SHY!... THIS KISS SEEMS TO REMIND ME OF SOMEONE! BUT THAT'S SILLY! I NEVER KISSED ANYONE WITH A BEARD BEFORE.
RAFE, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST ASK BEFORE I LOSE COURAGE. NORMALLY I'D BE TOO SHY TO DO THIS, BUT SINCE IT'S LEAP YEAR, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK... DARLING, I LOVE YOU! WILL YOU MARRY ME?
LOIS, SWEETHEART. YOU KNOW THE ANSWER OF COURSE!
OH, SWEETHEART, THAT WAS THE MOST WONDERFUL MOMENT OF MY LIFE! AND NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME... I MUST PUT ON SOME FRESH LIPSTICK!
DON'T BE LONG, MY DEAR. I'LL BE WAITING!
PRESENTLY...
IT'S TRUE! I PROPOSED TO RAFE, AND HE ACCEPTED! TAKE OVER! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, NOW! HURRY OUT ON THE DANCE FLOOR! HE'S WAITING!
OH, LOIS! YOU'RE A REAL FRIEND! HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?

AND NEARBY...
THAT'S RIGHT, RAFE! LOIS IS ALL YOURS! CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED! NOW GET OUT THERE AND SHOW HER WHAT A ROMEO YOU REALLY ARE!
KENT, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME!

LATER, AFTER THE COUPLES UNMASK...
GLAD TO, LOIS!
OH, CLARK, GLAD YOU'RE HERE. WOULD YOU TAKE ME BACK TO THE HOTEL?
NOW THAT RAFE HAS HIS GIRL, I MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE!
THERE IS NOTHING TO KEEP ME HERE, NOW THAT MY NAMESAKE HAS HER MAN!

DAYS LATER, AFTER THE TRIAL ENDS, LOIS AND CLARK BID GOODBYE TO THEIR FRIENDS...
RAFE AND LOIS MAKE A HANDSOME COUPLE, DON'T THEY, CLARK?
YES, THEY SEEM CRAZY ABOUT EACH OTHER!
CLARK WOULD BE AMAZED TO FIND OUT HOW I PLAYED CUPID FOR THEM!
LUCKY FOR RAFE I WON HER FOR HIM!
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I CAN'T HELP REMEMBERING THAT KISS RAFE GAVE ME! SOMEHOW IT REMINDS ME OF THE TIMES SUPERMAN KISSED ME. BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S SILLY!
STRANGE! BUT WHEN I KISSED THAT NURSE, SHE REMINDED ME OF LOIS, HERE! IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE THEIR NAMES ARE ALIKE!
POOR LOIS! POOR CLARK! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH!
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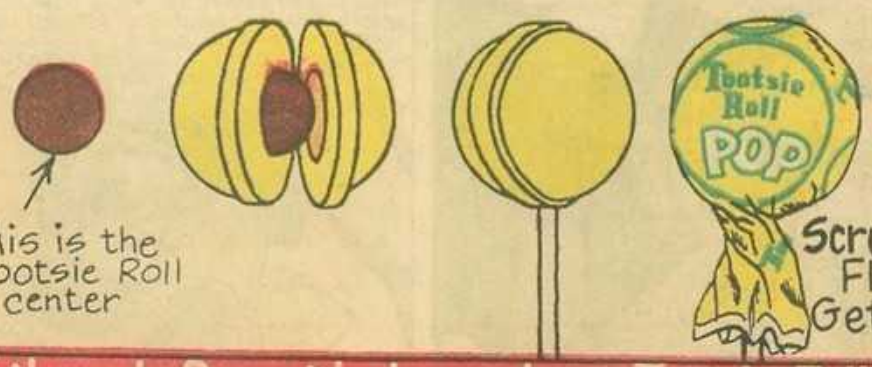

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Dear Editor: "Lois Lane's Plot Against Lana Lang" was great. But in it Lois was mean. I think you should give Lana a chance to get even. —James Pruden, Toledo, Ohio.

(We were only giving Lois a chance to get even for what Lana did in a story we published a few years back. In "The Girl Who Saw the Future Superboy", Lana tried to keep Lois from growing up to be Superman's girl friend. But, like Lois, her attempt to change destiny failed. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think "The Unknown Superman", in LOIS LANE No. 49, was the saddest, most heart-warming story you have ever printed. The end of the story, when Bamor asked Lois for a last kiss, was so touching it brought tears to my eyes. Congratulations on a great story. —Lyn Lake, St. Paul, Minn.

(And this is the kind of letter that warms *our* hearts. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have done some figuring and come up with some statistics that should prove surprising to these persistent get-Lana-her-own-comic-book fans. For these facts I refer to the last 11 issues of LOIS LANE—Nos. 40 through 50. Lana was featured in 81.2% of these issues. 45.45% showed her on the cover. Her name was in 10.71% of the story titles. In 3.5% of these stories Lana's face was seen more often than Lois'. The total number of times Lois and Lana are seen is 1,466—and 13.37% are pictures of Lana, a high percentage, considering no other secondary character rates that high except Superman himself. After all, it *is* Lois' magazine, not Lana's. And if every character had his own comic, the artists and writers would be going in circles trying to complete their work. —Robert L. Durr, Greentown, Ind.

(Thanks for coming to our defense, statistically. Lana Lang fans will find their heroine co-starring in the new LOIS LANE ANNUAL No. 3, now on sale. There's even one story about Lana in which Lois *doesn't* appear!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: As a Legion of Super-Heroes fan, I loved reading "Lois Lane's Luckiest Day". Now how about a story wherein Lois travels to the 30th century and gives the Legion a full-time job keeping her out of trouble? —Lynn Miller, Washington, D.C.

(Good suggestion—though we doubt that even Lois could stir up enough trouble to keep nineteen or twenty super-heroes busy.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: As an ardent reader of your fascinating magazines, this is my first opportunity to catch you. In "The Unknown Superman", you show Strong Bear boring with his hands in the coarse soil and tough rocks. If his ring was not destroyed by that, why was it destroyed when Lois dropped it? And why didn't the ring become indestructible on Earth just as everything from Krypton does, if Strong Bear automatically gained super-powers here? —Robert Romano, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

(While it is true that Bamor, or "Strong Bear", gained super-powers on Earth, he did not become completely invulnerable, since he died when his ring was broken. When he drilled in the ground, he kept his fists clenched, with the stone of the ring turned inside.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "Lois Lane's Plot Against Lana Lang", you show Lois writing a fake essay in Lana's handwriting. She writes, "Dearest Superboy." But when Superboy reads the essay, it says, "Dear Superboy." Can you explain this boo-boo? —Eileen Clark, Belle Harbor, N.Y.

(Simple. Lois wasn't satisfied with the first essay she wrote, so she wrote another one.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "Letters to Lois" in the May issue, you say that Lois' ear-rings are pearls given her by Superman. But in "Lois Lane's Luckiest Day", in the next issue, her ear-rings have pictures of the Legion of Super-Heroes in them. Why the inconsistency? —Unsigned, Chicago, Ill.

(These are a remarkable type of pearl from another world. It is possible, by a process known to the Man of Steel, to capture three-dimensional images in them. This is how the Legionnaires' pictures came to be in Lois' pearls. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "The Unknown Superman", you show Bamor, the alien, as a mutation changed by radioactive fallout. Then later you show him looking into his monitor and appearing completely normal, when he should have been a mutation. —Thomas Pusateri, Houston, Tex.

(In the scene you mention, Bamor was already wearing the ring which gave him the power to assume any human shape.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: When Superman goes through the Time Barrier into the future, why doesn't he look and see whether he is going to marry Lois or Lana? There is no sense in making them both wait for him. —Karen Cooke, Compton, Calif.

(Superman has found it impossible to look in on himself in the future, because he cannot be in two places at the same time. We know Triplicate girl can be in *three* places at the same time, but that's a different situation entirely.—Ed.)

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

SOME OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF HISTORY... D-DAY... DAVID VS. GOLIATH... THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE... SONNY LISTON VS. CASSIUS CLAY... WERE MERE PATTY-CAKE AFFAIRS COMPARED TO THE KNOCKDOWN, DRAG-OUT WARFARE THAT HAS LONG EXISTED BETWEEN LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG FOR THE LOVE OF **SUPERMAN**! BUT THEN, ONE DAY, ALONG COMES A LUSCIOUS BEAUTY FROM OUTER SPACE, WHO STEALS THE **MAN OF STEEL** RIGHT FROM UNDER THEIR CUTE NOSES! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS ONE SUSPENSEFUL MOMENT OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOIS AND LANA STOP THEIR FEUD AND DECLARE...

THE LOIS LANE-LANA LANG TRUCE!

GR-RR! THAT HUSSY FROM OUTER SPACE HAS DAZZLED **SUPERMAN** SO MUCH HE'S HARDLY AWARE THAT WE EXIST, LOIS! HE MIGHT EVEN **MARRY** HER!

OVER OUR DEAD BODIES! LANA, WE'VE BEEN RIVALS FOR **SUPERMAN** A LONG TIME, BUT--LET'S CALL A TRUCE AND UNITE AGAINST OUR COMMON ENEMY: **ILLENA OF KROMAL**!!

YOU'RE UTTERLY FASCINATING, **ILLENA**! **WHEN** WILL YOU REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY SUPER-POWER TO ME?

SOON, **MAN OF STEEL**!

ONE DAY, AS LANA LANG VISITS THE **PLANET**...

I HAVE A LUNCHEON DATE WITH LOIS, BUT SHE'S TIED UP IN AN EDITORIAL CONFERENCE! GOSH, IT'S STUFFY IN HERE! I'LL OPEN THIS WINDOW AND LET SOME FRESH AIR IN! WHEW! WHAT A STRONG DRAFT!

LOIS LANE

NO, YOU DON'T! YOU SCHEMING WITCH...

LOIS! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT??

DON'T ACT SO INNOCENT! YOU KNEW THAT'S AN INVITATION FROM SUPERMAN ASKING ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO A UNITED NATIONS BANQUET IN HIS HONOR! YOU WANTED THE WIND TO BLOW IT AWAY! YOU'RE JEALOUS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T INVITE YOU!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE INVITATION! IF I HAD, I'D WANT YOU TO GO WITH HIM! IT WOULD GIVE EVERYONE A GOOD LAUGH, SEEING YOU GAPE AT HIM LIKE A SILLY, LOVE-STRUCK SCHOOLGIRL... AS YOU ALWAYS DO!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING! YOU'VE BEEN CHASING HIM EVER SINCE YOU WERE A SCHOOLGIRL, IN SMALLVILLE!
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED! I WON'T EVER TALK TO YOU AGAIN, MISS LANE!
DITTO, MISS LANG! I SUGGEST YOU TALK TO A PSYCHIATRIST, INSTEAD! YOU'D MAKE A FASCINATING CASE HISTORY!
MEANWHILE, ELSEWHERE IN METROPOLIS...
THAT FLYING SAUCER FROM OUTER SPACE JUST LANDED! I'LL CONTACT ITS OCCUPANTS BY SHOUTING SUPER-LOUD!
IF YOU'RE AN INVADER, GO AWAY! I AM SUPERMAN, DEFENDER OF EARTH!
I AM ILLENA FROM THE PLANET KROMAL! I'VE COME TO EARTH BECAUSE I HAVE OBSERVED YOU ON MY MONITOR FOR YEARS, AND LONG ADMIRED YOU! I'VE EVEN LEARNED YOUR LANGUAGE IN PREPARATION FOR THIS TRIP!
WHAT A STUNNING BEAUTY! AND SHE CAME HERE JUST TO SEE ME!
WELCOME TO EARTH! PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THIS WORLD'S MOST COLORFUL SIGHTS!
THANK YOU! DO YOU MIND IF I PLACE MY HEAD CLOSE TO YOURS... LIKE THIS? FLYING WITHOUT A SHIP IS A LITTLE FRIGHTENING! BUT YOUR ARMS ARE SO ...REASSURING!

SHORTLY, PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE AMAZED TO SEE...
SUPERMAN... CARRYING A STRANGELY-COSTUMED GIRL!
THIS IS THE GRAND CANYON, ILLENA! ER...HAVE YOU ANY SUPER-POWERS, AS I HAVE?
JUST ONE! I'D RATHER NOT REVEAL WHAT IT IS, JUST YET!
A LITTLE LATER, AT THE DAILY PLANET...
WE JUST GOT A TELETYPE FLASH! SUPERMAN HAS BEEN SEEN ESCORTING A LOVELY SPACE-GIRL WHO CALLS HERSELF ILLENA OF KROMAL! GO OUT AND GET THE FULL STORY--WHO SHE IS, WHAT SHE'S DOING HERE--EVERYTHING!
I-I HOPE SHE'S NOT TOO LOVELY!
AND AT THE TV NETWORK WHERE LANA WORKS AS A COMMENTATOR...
THIS ILLENA DAME IS THE BEST NEWS BREAK WE'VE HAD IN MONTHS! KEEP AFTER HER! PLAY UP THE ROMANCE ANGLE BETWEEN HER AND SUPERMAN! GREAT GIMMICK, EH?
WHAT A REVOLTING DEVELOPMENT!
NEXT DAY, AT A CHARITY BALL... SUPERMAN BROUGHT THAT SPACE-HUSSY HERE AS HIS DATE! NO WONDER HE'S SAID NOTHING MORE ABOUT TAKING ME TO THAT U.N. BANQUET! ALL HE CAN THINK OF IS HIS PRECIOUS ILLENA...OH-OH! HERE'S LANA! I'LL IGNORE HER!
I'LL PRETEND I DON'T SEE LOIS!
YOU'RE UTTERLY FASCINATING, ILLENA! WHEN WILL YOU REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY SUPER-POWER TO ME?
VERY SOON, SUPERMAN! THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME THIS EARTH RECREATION KNOWN AS DANCING! I ADORE PRACTICING IT, ESPECIALLY WITH YOU!
SIMULTANEOUSLY, LOIS AND LANA ABANDON THEIR SILENT-TREATMENT POLICY...
HOW ABOUT A TRUCE AND AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN US, LANA? THE MENACE OF ILLENA IS GREATER THAN OUR PRIVATE FEUD.
GOOD IDEA, LOIS! WE'LL UNITE, UNTIL WE CONQUER THIS COMMON ENEMY!

SUPERMAN HARDLY KNOWS YOU AND I ARE ALIVE ANY MORE! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM FROM THIS SCHEMING SPACE-HUSSY, SO HE'LL MARRY ONE OF US, INSTEAD OF HER!
NAMELY, ME!
RIGHT!
AND THEN I'LL LEAD HIM TO THE altar!

LATER, OUTSIDE THE APARTMENT BUILDING IN WHICH ILLENA HAS TAKEN A PENTHOUSE SUITE, LOIS AND LANA QUESTION THE JANITOR...
ARE ADMIRING CROWDS ALWAYS GATHERED HERE?
CONSTANTLY! LOOK! SUPERMAN IS FLYING HER HERE FROM THE DANCE NOW!
STRA FORD

SO LONG, ILLENA! I MUST LEAVE NOW TO HANDLE AN IMPORTANT SPACE MISSION! I'LL SEE YOU WHEN I GET BACK!
TAKE CARE, SUPERMAN! WATCH OUT FOR GREEN AND RED KRYPTONITE!
GET THAT! — "WATCH OUT FOR KRYPTONITE"!
SHE ACTS LIKE SHE OWNS HIM!

EARLY NEXT MORNING, AS LOIS AND LANA CONTINUE TO COVER ILLENA'S COMINGS AND GOINGS...
EEK! A MAD DOG! HELP!
DON'T WORRY, EARTH WOMAN! I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY UNIQUE SUPER-POWER!
DOG, I COMMAND YOU TO TURN TO STONE!

¿GASP!¿--IT'S BECOME A STONE STATUE, JUST AS SHE ORDERED!
FANTASTIC! SHE CAN TRANSFORM THINGS INTO STONE!
¿URK!¿ WHAT CHANCE HAVE WE GOT AGAINST ANYONE AS SUPER-POWERFUL AS SHE IS?
LET'S TRAIL HER AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT HER!

LATER...
SOMEBODY STOP THAT MAN! HE'S AN ESCAPING SPY!
LEAVE HIM TO ME!
YOU! BECOME A STONE STATUE!!

NEXT INSTANT...
MY SUPER-POWER NEVER FAILS! THIS VILLAIN HAS SUFFERED THE "STONE DEATH" FATE METED OUT TO ALL TRAITORS ON MY PLANET! FAREWELL!
THE SPY DROPPED HIS WALLET! LET'S FIND OUT WHO HE WAS!

THEN...
OMIGOSH! THESE SECRET INDENTIFICATION PAPERS REVEAL HE WAS REALLY AN UNDERCOVER COUNTER-ESPIONAGE AGENT FOR OUR GOVERNMENT! ILLENA DOOMED AN INNOCENT MAN!
BESIDES, IT'S AGAINST SUPERMAN'S CODE TO DESTROY ANY HUMAN LIFE! HE'LL BE SHOCKED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS! IT'S OUR DUTY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT MURDERESS!

PRESENTLY...
YES, I REMEMBER YOU GIRLS! EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'RE SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS! I GUESS IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO LET YOU INTO ILLENA'S SUITE, SO YOU CAN WAIT FOR HER TO DELIVER THAT MESSAGE FROM SUPERMAN!
THANK YOU, MR. SUPERINTENDENT.
HE BELIEVES OUR STORY! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S REALLY UP TO!

LATER, AS THE TWO GIRLS SEARCH ILLENA'S ROOMS, THEY HEAR SOMEONE ENTER...
...REPORTING!
THAT'S ILLENA'S VOICE! I WONDER WHOM SHE'S TALKING TO?
LET'S PEEK, AND FIND OUT!

SECRET AGENT X983IQ REPORTING TO SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD HEADQUARTERS, VIA MINIATURE ASTROPHONE! PROGRESS: A-PLUS! HAVE GAINED SUPERMAN'S CONFIDENCE! NOW THAT HE'S OFF GUARD, I'LL SOON INFLICT THE "STONE DEATH" ON HIM!

THEN, AS THE SMIRKING ALIEN SPY REMOVES HER TURBAN...
HA, HA! LITTLE DOES ANYONE SUSPECT THAT I WEAR THIS TURBAN IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THESE LITTLE BEAUTIES WHO HAVE DONE MY BIDDING SO WELL! USING THIS MEDUSA SKULL-CAP TO DESTROY SUPERMAN IS THE GREATEST INSPIRATION THE S.R.S. EVER HAD!

AGES AGO ON EARTH, MEDUSA, ONE OF THE SNAKE-HAIRED GORGON SISTERS, AMUSED HERSELF BY STARING AT HER FOES UNTIL HER MAGIC GAZE TURNED THEM INTO STONE! BUT THE GREEK HERO, PERSEUS, PUT AN END TO HER..."
OFF WITH THY HEAD, SORCERESS!
AS LONG AS I WATCH ONLY HER REFLECTION IN MY SHIELD, I AM SAFE FROM HER PETRIFYING GAZE!
"EVENTUALLY, MEDUSA'S HEAD CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF AN ASTRONAUTICAL EXPEDITION FROM OUR WORLD..."
WELL DONE, GARF! YOU TRANSFERRED MEDUSA'S SNAKE-TRESSES INTO A SKULL-CAP MOST SKILLFULLY! THEY WERE THE SECRET OF HER POWER TO TURN PEOPLE INTO STONE!
NEXT, I'LL PLACE THE CREATURES IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION SO THEY CAN'T HARM ANYONE. THE GORGON'S MAGIC HAS KEPT THEM ALIVE FOR AGES!
"FROM THAT TIME ON, THE MEDUSA SKULL-CAP WAS THE PRIZE EXHIBIT IN A MUSEUM ON OUR PLANET. THEN, RECENTLY..."
AGENT X9831Q, THIS MIGHTY WEAPON HAS BEEN REACTIVATED SO YOU CAN TAKE IT TO EARTH AND VANQUISH SUPERMAN!
A RARE HONOR!
MEDUSA SKULL-CAP
REACTIVATOR RAY
HA! HA!... THE TRESSES WILL AFFECT EVEN SUPERMAN, FOR HIS INVULNERABILITY WILL NOT PROTECT HIM FROM MAGIC! ALL THE WEARER OF THE MEDUSA SKULL-CAP NEED DO IS WILL THE SNAKES TO TURN A VICTIM TO STONE, AND THE LITTLE DARLINGS OBEY! --AGENT X-9831Q ENDING REPORT!
IMAGINE USING MEDUSA'S MAGIC SNAKES TO DESTROY SUPERMAN! HOW SNEAKY CAN THOSE ALIEN BRUTES GET?!
SHHH! NOT SO LOUD! -- ILLENA PUT THE SKULL-CAP BACK ON, AND NOW SHE'S LYING DOWN! SHE LOOKS SLEEPY!
SHORTLY...
SHE'S SOUND ASLEEP NOW!
WE'VE GOT TO WARN SUPERMAN OF THE AWFUL PLOT AGAINST HIM! YOU GO FIRST! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO DO!
ZZ-ZZZ!
HURRY, LOIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M FINISHED NOW! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

SECONDS LATER...
PS-ST! FASTER... BEFORE SHE WAKES UP!
I HAVE AWAKENED!
SO, EARTH FOOLS! YOU'VE BEEN SNOOPING IN HERE AND DISCOVERED MY PLAN, EH? TOO BAD -- FOR YOU! YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT HAPPENS NOW! HA, HA! BUT I'LL ENJOY IT IMMENSELY!
I'LL TRANSFORM ONE OF YOU TO STONE, THEN THE OTHER! WHICH SHALL BE FIRST? --YOU, LOIS LANE!... I COMMAND YOU TO TURN TO STONE!
GASP!! Y-YOU'RE STILL FLESH AND BLOOD! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG, BUT I'LL FINISH YOU OFF WITH MY RAY-GUN, INSTEAD!
SINCE YOU'RE FORCING ME TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE... TURN TO STONE, ILLENA!
NEXT INSTANT...
GULP!!...
SH-SHE DID TURN TO STONE -- THE VERY FATE SHE WANTED TO INFLICT ON US!
I DID IT WITH THE MEDUSA SKULL-CAP!
WHEW!! SO YOU TOOK THE CAP OFF FROM UNDER HER TURBAN AND PUT IT UNDER YOUR HAT, IN CASE SHE AWAKENED BEFORE WE GOT OUT! THAT WAS FAST THINKING, LOIS!
I JUST GOT BACK! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

AND AS LOIS AND LANA EXPLAIN...
ILLENA--A REVENGE SQUAD SECRET AGENT!! WELL, I'LL BE A THREE-EYED KRYPTONIAN BABOOTCH!!
PLEASE TAKE THIS... UGH... CREEPY HAIR-DO AWAY!
I'LL PUT IT IN MY FORTRESS WITH OTHER SPACE TROPHIES! BUT FIRST I'LL USE IT TO WILL ILLENA AND HER VICTIMS BACK TO LIFE! AS FOR ILLENA, I'LL TAKE HER TO AN INTERPLANETARY PRISON, WHERE SHE BELONGS!
'BYE, GIRLS! I WON'T FORGET I OWE MY LIFE TO YOU, LOIS! YOU'RE TOPS WITH ME!
♪ REALLY? HOW SWEET OF YOU TO SAY THAT! ♪
GR-RRR! MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE USED THAT GADGET TO TURN LOIS INTO STONE!
NO! THAT THOUGHT WAS... UNWORTHY!
YOU SAVED ME FROM ILLENA, TOO, AND I'M GRATEFUL! OUR TRUCE IS OVER, BUT... LET'S BE FRIENDS AGAIN!
OF COURSE, LANA, DEAR! AND AS TO WHICH OF US WILL GET SUPERMAN FOR A HUSBAND... MAY THE BEST GIRL WIN!
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THE END

I LIKE CHOCOLATE FUDGE BEST!
I LIKE VANILLA FUDGE BEST!
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Lois had met Hellene once before. In "The Day When Superman Proposed", the Man of Steel asked Lois to marry him while under the influence of Red Kryptonite. She was suspicious of this sudden change in him, so to convince her, he took her into the past to show her that he preferred her to Cleopatra, Hellene and Marie Antoinette. However, the Red K effect soon wore off.

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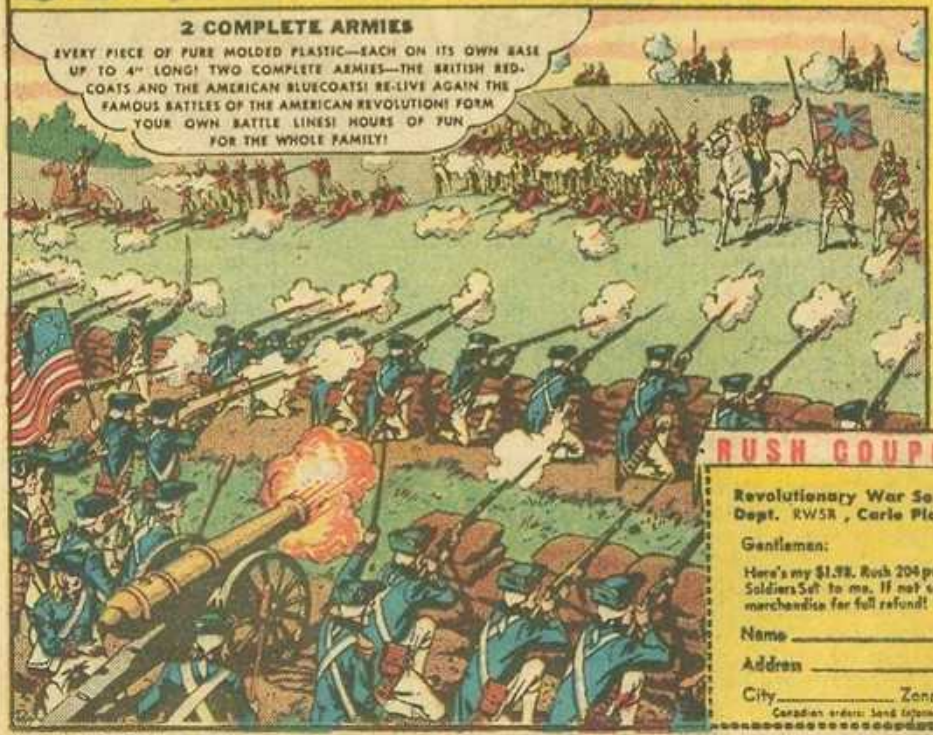

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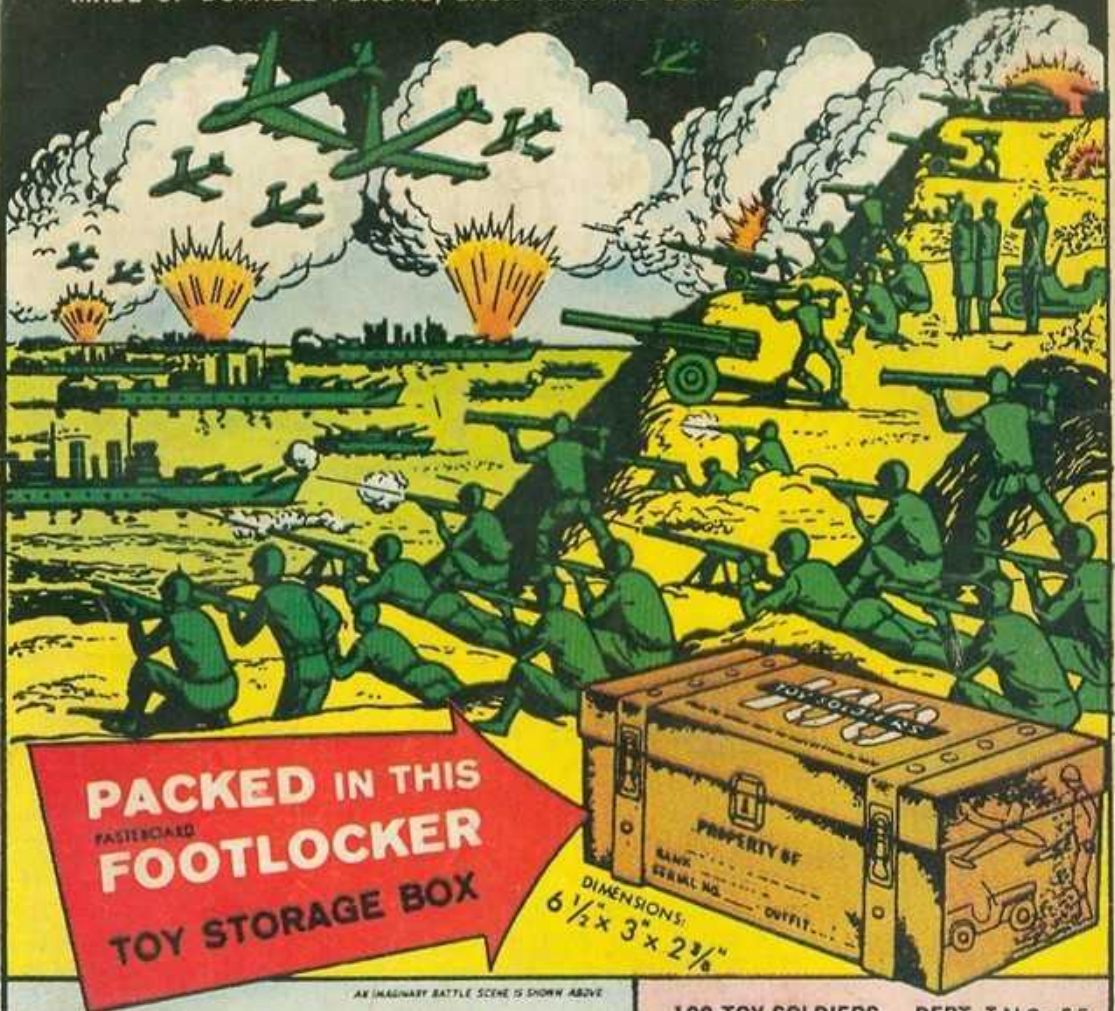

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